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SUBJECT: US INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION IN ZANZIBAR

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 2187 (POUCHED TO ZANZIBAR)

1. CONSULATE COMMEMORATED AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE WITH EVENING RECEPTION AT RESIDENCE JULY 3. CHANGE OF DATE WAS INDICATED BY OFFICIAL VISIT OF ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA, WHO ARRIVED EARLY JULY 4, WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT STATE DINNER HELD THAT EVENING, AND LEFT JULY 5.

2. BY CONTRAST WITH LAST YEAR, WHEN ONLY ATTORNEY GENERAL AND ONE OTHER ZANZIBARI OFFICIAL ATTENDED, TURNOUT WAS GRATIFYINGLY HIGH. OF 95 WHO ATTENDED, 20 WERE NON-ASIAN ZANZIBARIS, INCLUDING DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION, EDITOR OF ZANZIBAR'S CURRENTLY NON-OPERATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND OTHERS FROM DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND GOOD SAMPLING OF WORKING-LEVEL OFFICIALS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. MAIN SURPRISE WAS ATTENDANCE OF REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL MEMBER AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOR PEOPLES' EQUALITY MOHAMMED MFAUME WHO EXPRESSED TO CONSUL "CONGRATULATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL." ACCORDING TO CONSULATE LOCAL EMPLOYEES, MFAUME IS FIRST REVCO MEMBER TO ATTEND US FUNCTION SINCE 1968. SINCE  
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NOTHING HAPPENS BY ACCIDENT ON ZANZIBAR, CONSULATE INTERPRETS

ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR, AND PARTICULARLY MFAUME'S REMARKS, AS SIGNAL TO US AND OTHERS THAT GOZ EXTENDING ITS SOMEWHAT MORE EVEN-HANDED APPROACH TO FOREIGN CONTACTS TO INCLUDE U.S. AS WELL.

3. AS FOOTNOTE TO REFTTEL, PRC CONSUL CHEN CHIANG RECEIVED INVITATION FOR RECEPTION MORNING OF JUNE 29, DID NOT REGRET AND DID NOT ATTEND. THIS IS IN CONTRAST TO LAST YEAR WHEN CONSULATE RECEIVED CALL MORNING OF RECEPTION STATING THAT RPC WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND IN ABSENCE FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT CHINESE HOLD THAT, SINCE LAST YEAR'S RATIONALE REMAINS VALID, NO FURTHER EXPLANATION WAS NEEDED, BUT THIS STILL SEEMS A CURIOUS LAPSE IN PROTOCOL. IN SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS AT OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH KAUNDA VISIT, PRC CONSUL AS IN PAST LIMITED HIMSELF TO HANDSHAKES AND MOST PERFUNCTORY OF GREETINGS, AND AT NO TIME OFFERED CONGRATULATIONS NOR EXPLANATION OF FAILURE TO ATTEND OR REGRET. MACFARLANE

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